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The Debutantes of the War Season

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PAINTED in rather somber colors must be the first glimpse of the world of society that is revealed to the debutantes of this season. If we put ourselves in their places we cannot but feel that there must have been no little disappointment when they realized that they would have this long-dreamed-of first glimpse of society in a war-winter. The whirl of gaiety, the brilliant official and diplomatic entertainments, all part of the pre-debutante's dream, have no part in this season's activities.

Not for many years has the season in Washington been so quiet. The announcement was made a week or more ago at the British Embassy that there will be no receptions this season by the Ambassador or members of his staff, and a like announcement will probably come from all the other embassies and legations of the representatives of the nations now at war. Although the embassies of nonbelligerent nations will have no official restraint, naturally there will be a damper on all diplomatic society till the war is over.

All elaborate entertainments and practically the only entertainments for which prominent society women act as patronesses are apparently to be of charitable or humanitarian interest.

The debutantes of the war-winter are unusually attractive young women, and so far they have shown themselves able to adapt themselves to the unusual conditions. They have energy and capabilities aplenty to help with the elaborate undertakings of charitable interest now in progress.

In their quest for something to do that is in keeping with the general depression the debutantes will not have long to seek, and although they will see little of diplomatic or official society this year they will, at least, have gained a great deal more in executive ability than debutantes of happier years. Never was there a social field so fertile in opportunities for the demonstration of individuality and cleverness. Appeals at home and abroad are big and incessant, and a short glance at the prospect tells a story of initiative on the part of the girls who have just come into the foreground of society.

There are charity balls and bazaars that have to be conducted, not only so as to be a social success, but to be a financial success as well; there will be all sorts of amateur performances that will call upon the ability of the debutantes.

In spite of the depression felt in Washington, however, there will be a good deal of gaiety in an informal way, and perhaps, this will be more to the liking of many of the debutantes, because it is impromptu and more or less confined to the younger set.

This year in society will be remembered as the year of the Belgian furore. For society seems to be as much interested in the Belgians as in all the other unfortunate people in the war put together. It has been said that not even in civil war days did Washington society folk do so much for the soldiers in our own war as they are now doing in behalf of the Belgians. Hundreds of society women are knitting garments for the Belgians. There are shops for the sale of garments for the Belgians. Thousands of tons of provisions are being sent every week for the poor Belgians. Toys and goodies and pillows and anesthetics and bandages and pipes and tobacco and cigarettes are daily going to the Belgians from the society folk of Washington. Concerts, teas, dances, bazaars, theatricals, and balls are being given for the poor Belgians.

So, to the debutantes of this season, who, before this, knew Belgium only as a country that had to be crossed on the way from Antwerp to Paris, Belgium has now assumed a colossal importance. For the poor Belgians are

the excuse of almost half the gaities of this season's coterie of debutantes.

In keeping with the quietude of the season, the frocks worn by the debutantes who have made formal bows

MISS ELIZABETH HOUSER, charming younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Houser, who is one of the season's debutantes.



during the past ten days, were, while elegant and fashionable, extremely simple of model and material.

Miss Louise Freeman Kinz, the beautiful daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert F. A. King, whose debut tea on the afternoon of November 24 started the season's debutante introductions, wore a charming girlish frock of white tulle, ruffled to the waist line in the quaint old-fashioned mode of the Godey Books days. The bodice was a tight fitting one of fine white lace finished with a high girle of cream colored satin. The costume was completed with

a bouquet of the characteristic debutante's white roses.

A fluffy gown of white chiffon, be-ruffled and draped in a fashion becoming to her slender girlish figure, was worn by Miss Elizabeth Wiley, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Henry A. Wiley, U. S. N., who made her formal debut at Rauscher's the afternoon of November 24. This simple, yet lovely frock, was trimmed with Valenciennes lace, and the charming debutante carried a sheath of sweetheart roses.

Miss Beatrice Glover, the charming and attractive daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Richardson Glover, who made her debut at a tea on the afternoon of November 30, followed by a dinner dance the same evening, wore a most effective conceit in debutante frocks. The body of the costume was of rich lace made over ivory satin, banded around the tunic, hem and high waist line with broad folds of gold cloth. The V neck was finished with a double frill of tulle, which also outlined the sleeves. Miss Glover carried a shower bouquet of white orchids and lilies of the valley.

A gown made with a view to simplicity as is the idea in all debutantes' frocks was a dainty white charmeuse worn by Miss Julia Frances Brice, daughter of Mrs. Arthur T. Brice, when she made her bow to Washington society the afternoon of December 2. The trimmings on the frock were filmy laces and the whole costume was set off by a sheath of pink roses, which the attractive debutante carried.

Miss Maxwell Durant Church, the debutante daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neville Church, who was formally introduced December 3, wore a gown that was an innovation in debut toilettes. A soft, white corded silk was made on the prevailing old-fashioned style with tiny ruffles of tulle covering

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